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LR 105

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator, may I ask where this resolution originated?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Newell prepared the resolution. I signed it as one of the interested parties but I cannot tell you other than that where it originated.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Johnson, it would appear to me that we are doing, if we adopt this resolution, we are engaging in a very dangerous procedure. We are giving them a hand engraved invitation to come back with a deficit appropriation based on our recommendations and frankly it is something I, for one, have no desire to get mixed up in. I think we have enough trouble trying to find the end of the ball of string now.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Johnson, I thought we precisely did this about two years ago.

SENATOR JOHNSON: We may have, Senator Nichol, but I wasn't here so I can't speak to that.

SENATOR NICHOL: Someone can correct me if I am wrong but what, after the Supreme Court decision I thought that we precisely gave the Board of Regents the authority, the go ahead to make merit pay raises for those that they thought were worthy of it. Really I did. If I am wrong, please correct me.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LR 105? If not, Senator Johnson, you may close.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, with the indulgence of this body I would just as soon have this resolution passed over today because this really is Senator Newell's and he can answer these questions far better than can I and I am speaking to some extent from ignorance and he really is tied up. So I would request that it be passed over today and taken up tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Marvel, did you hear the request to pass over LR 105 because of the absence of Senator Newell?